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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Rego Park, New York 11374

July 16, 1980

United States Attorney  
Eastern District of New York  
United States Court House  
225 Cadman Plaza  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Attention: Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]

Re: Luther D. Burden, Also Known As Ticky;

[redacted]  
Unknown Subjects (4);  
Guardian Bank  
49 North Franklin  
Hempstead, New York - July 3, 1980  
Bank Robbery

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Dear Sir:

At approximately noon on July 3, 1980, six black males armed with one shotgun and three hand weapons, robbed the captioned bank [redacted]. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest by the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) of former Knickerbocker professional basketball player Luther D. "Ticky" Burden on July 5, 1980, and [redacted] on [redacted] at Lower Merion Township near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Investigation continues and the Robbery Squad of the NCPD anticipates as many as four additional arrests in this matter.

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[redacted] and implicating Burden.

This will confirm that when apprised of the facts in this matter on July 16, 1980, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted], Eastern District of New York advised that inasmuch as two subjects are already in the custody of the local authorities, she would decline Federal prosecution in favor of prosecution by the local authorities.

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Very truly yours

EDWIN J. SHARP  
Special Agent in Charge

2-Addressee

1-Brooklyn-Queens (91-19326) (BR Declinations)

1-Brooklyn-Queens [redacted]

JMK:cc

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FOIPA Request No.: 1339293-000  
Subject: BURDEN, LUTHER

Dear Mr. Higgins:

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☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

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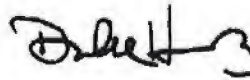
☑ See additional information which follows.

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of the FBI New York Field Office file 91-NY-19326 Serial 186.

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)